THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) to (c) Government propose to construct fencing in a stretch of approximately 10 kms in Moreh area on the India-Mynamar border for which further steps are being taken. It is estimated to be completed by 2005.

Arms License in Delhi

*337. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to State:

(a) whether Government are aware that 90 per cent of crimes in Delhi are committed using unlicensed guns and illegal fire arms;

(b) if so, the estimated number of unlicenced guns in Delhi;

(c) how many licenced persons of guns/revolvers are registered with the DCP (Licensing) as on 1st July, 2003; and

(d) whether Government propose to restrict the issue of armed license in future on account of an increase in crime rate and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of crimes in which unlicensed arms were used in Delhi formed a very small part of the total number of crimes reported. During the current year upto 31st July, Delhi Police detected 427 cases of illegal fire-arms.

(c) The Licensing Branch of Delhi had as on 1st July, 2003 issued in all 50,673 arms licenses and also registered 8,819 licenses issued by other States/competent licensing authorities.

(d) There are enough safeguards in the procedures prescribed for issue/cancellation of arms licenses to ensure that such licenses are not issued to undesirable elements. There also has been progressive decline in number of IPC crimes during the last few years in Delhi.

Revival of small and medium sector textile units

*338. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to offer some special package over what has already been allocated in the Union Budget 2003-04 to revive small and medium sector textile units;